

## House Resolution No. 424

**Whereas**, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Graves, residents of Laddonia, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, Curtis and Villa Graves celebrated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their loved ones on January 25, 2003, at Vandalia Modern Maturity Building; and

**Whereas**, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Curtis and Villa Graves undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

**Whereas**, it was five wondrous decades ago, that Curtis Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graves, and Villa Righter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Righter, joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony officiated by the Reverend Alert Fauth and witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaw on December 20, 1952, in a Baptist parsonage; and

**Whereas**, over the course of the past half century, Curtis and Villa Graves have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Vicki) Woolridge of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Graves of Martinsburg, Gina Graves of Vandalia, and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Graves of Laddonia; and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Jon (Marci) Wilburn of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. James (Stephanie) Winkler, Gage and Courtney of Martinsburg, Stacey Graves of Vandalia, Clint and Karissa Graves of Laddonia, and Eric Woolridge; and

**Whereas**, Curtis and Villa Graves have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Curtis and Villa Graves upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and further wish them continued happiness in the years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Graves.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steve Hobbs  
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 424, adopted February 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker